

NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD CAR SEAT SAFETY

As of January 1, 2002, a new California law changed the requirements for children riding in child car seats or booster seats.

Please replace the information under "Child Safety" on page 23 of the 2000 edition of the *Parents Guide* with the following new guidelines:

Child Car Seat Safety

- Infants and children up to age 12 should be in the back seat.
- Babies should be in rear-facing car seats until they are 1 year old and weigh 20 pounds.
- By California law, children must be in child car seats or booster seats until they are 6 years old or weigh 60 pounds. It is recommended that they stay in booster seats until they are 8 years old or weigh 80 pounds.
- Never hold your child in your lap in the car.
- Infants and small children should never be in seats with airbags.
- Don't use a car seat that's been in a crash. To be extra safe, don't buy a used car seat or use one that's more than 6 years old.
- For more information on child car seats, call **Seat Check** or visit www.seatcheck.org.

Get Your Car Seat Checked

Most child car seats are not installed right. To find out where to get a free inspection, call **Seat Check** or visit www.seatcheck.org.

